

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

23 March 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDCI and DCI

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary, NFIC/NFIB

SUBJECT : 27 March 1981 Meeting of National Foreign
Intelligence Council

1. The sole agenda item for this meeting of the Council is consideration of proposed revisions to Section 2 of Executive Order 12036 (Restrictions). The basic paper, which has been circulated to Council members, is at Tab A.

2. This meeting is also intended to set the stage for Community advice on the larger issue of reviewing the entire executive order. A memorandum has been sent to the Council on this subject. It is at Tab B.

3. Since Mr. Casey was unable to attend the first meetings of the Council and the Board on 12 March 1981, a copy of the minutes for his information is at Tab C.

4. Biographic sketches of the Council members, for your background information, are at Tab D.

5. In preparation for this meeting, I understand you will be meeting with the DDO and the General Counsel. I see no need for another pre-meeting briefing.

6. Your guidance is requested on attendance. I understand Dan Silver will attend and present the issues for discussion.

If the larger issue comes up, shouldn't John Koehler also attend?

YES ☒

NO ☐

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NFIC Agenda: Short-Term Outlook

7. Council members have been asked to provide their views on the executive order as a whole to John Koehler by 1 April 1981. Some time after that, a paper will be prepared for consideration by the Council.

NFIC Agenda: Longer-Term Outlook

8. As the NSC structure begins to emerge, the Council has been promised a chance to be consulted on basic policy issues, such as the nature of the Senior Interdepartmental Group (SIG), a new or revised executive order, NSC and DCI directives. Once the structure is in place, the Council is intended to act as a forum to provide professional advice to the DDCI and the DCI on issues which will be considered by the SIG.

NFIC Agenda: In General

9. The Council will meet on call by the DDCI or DCI and you will have the primary responsibility for identifying issues for their consideration. The Council members have been requested to suggest agenda items. These will be submitted through the Executive Secretary for your consideration, along with his own suggestions.

10. You should be aware that the Council members will be most eager to learn from you the concerns of the government's senior policymakers. With due regard for sensitivities, any guidance from the senior levels which will impact on the activities of the Intelligence Community will be most welcome.

11. The Council is charged to advise you on the following:

- 1) requirements, objectives, priorities;
- 2) basic intelligence policy issues to be considered by the SIG;
- 3) the National Foreign Intelligence Program and budget; and
- 4) other matters as referred by the DDCI and DCI.

12. The Board, not the Council, is primarily concerned with substantive intelligence issues.

13. The Council members who are not on the Board are:

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
Counsel for Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice
Representative of the Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
General Counsel, Department of Commerce

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14. A seating chart and list of attendees will be at your place for each meeting.

15. The DDCI will have separate briefing notes from CIA in his book in his capacity as CIA member. Otherwise, the books will be identical.

16. The briefing books will be delivered to you by close of business on Tuesdays before a Thursday meeting unless you tell me otherwise.

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